

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Henbury & Brentry Community Council,

held on Thursday 19th April 2007

At Brentry Methodist Church

Officials

Chairman – Ted Marshall

Minutes – Tim Parkinson

Apologies

Father Michael d'Arcy Walsh, Cheryl Coles & PC Rachel Mann

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the 25 members present.

1. Minutes of meeting held 25th January 2007

These were accepted by the meeting without dissent as a true record and there were no matters arising not coming up again in the current agenda.

[Note that the minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th April 2006 were approved at the following general meeting held on 20th July 2006]

2. Treasurer's report (Tim Parkinson)

Tim Parkinson presented the accounts for the year ended on 31st March 2007. These had been audited by Andrew Roberts. The highlight of the year was £5500 from the Bristol City Council through SRB 6 and Local Development grants to fund on going community actions following the 2006 Community Conference. A total of £4000 had been transferred to the Community Council with the agreement of the trustees of trusts which had given grants to the failed Brentry and Henbury Community Centre project. Thus the year end balance was an healthy £15217.42.

He reported that £10,000 of our current account balance had now been moved into the Lloyds deposit account where it would earn 2.75%. Members requested that the possibility of moving the bank accounts to a bank with more ecological credentials and a higher savings rate be investigated. Triodos Bank, The Coop Bank and Ecology Building Society were all suggested as possibilities.

Tim said that Andrew Roberts had kindly agreed to continue as our Hon Auditor.

Following a proposal by Richard Pyle which was seconded by Mark Weston the accounts were approved by the meeting.

3. Election of Officers

The current officers indicated their willingness to carry on and were duly voted in as below: -

Position	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Ted Marshall	Mark Weston	By general acclamation
Vice Chairman	Richard Pyle	Derek Pickup	Paul Thompson
Hon Treasurer	Tim Parkinson	Mark Weston	Mrs Carr
Hon Secretary	No candidate		

Ted Marshall reported that Claire Cooke had retired as a trustee which meant that he was the only trustee and he was looking for additional volunteers.

Richard Pyle proposed that the meeting record a vote of thanks to Ted Marshall and Tim Parkinson for all the work they do in ensuring that the Community Council continued to serve the community.

4. Severnside Sirens Trust (Pat Roberts)

Pat Roberts explained that the sirens had been put in place following the 1990 Severnside accident to warn residents of any further incidents. However the sirens were only heard in Henbury which could possibly be downwind of future incidents when the wind was in the right direction and not too strong. The trusts proposal to sight a further siren on the land owned by the Oil & Pipeline Agency to serve Henbury had been thwarted by that agency on the grounds that it might 'cause unnecessary alarm'! She asked for the Community Council's support in overcoming the refusal of the Oil & Pipeline Agency. The contact for the trust is David Wheeler, Denholm Shipping Services, Avonmouth Docks.

It was agreed that an item in the next Henbury and Brentry newsletter would help the cause.

5. Report from local councillors (Derek Pickup and Mark Weston)

Derek Pickup praised Paul Thompson in setting up the very successful trip to Cracow. He said the the Skate Park was well used during the day.

Joint surgeries with councillors and police members were held from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m every third Thursday of the month.

The Scrap Heap challenge competition for young people had been successful.

Mark Weston said that joint PC / PC Support Officers night patrols had commenced.

The YIP (Youth Improvement Project?) now lacked a co-ordinator

6. Community Development (Heather Barham)

Ted Marshall told the meeting that the last 12 months when Heather had been working on developing community activities had been the best during his time as a member of the Community Council. He very much hoped to welcome Heather back after her maternity leave.

Heather reported on a number of activities and events: -

The Gardening Competition would be launched with a hanging basket workshop on 12th May. The Area Housing project was planning to contribute £1500

The Skate Park would be officially opened on 12th May and Bristol Parks were going to provide some funding support.

The SEARCH environment group was meeting and walking the patch on a monthly cycle. There were about 20 residents who supported this group on a regular basis.

The Community Newsletter had acquired a very capable and committed editor in the person of Marianna ?

Two Community Notice Boards were in hand and it was possible that some funding for them would become available.

The “Trickster” play had been staged very well thanks to the Henbury Social Club and the Henbury performance had been the best of the three.

And finally the Over 40s group was meeting each month. The first one had been a Beetle Drive and the next would be held in the Emmanuel Chapel on 2nd May.

7. Police report

This was held over as all personnel were actively engaged in duties.

8. Other Business

HA HA were planning to run childrens holiday activities for four weeks in the Summer

The Henbury & Brentry Travel group were organising a trip to Berlin with four nights in that city in September.

Henbury School had achieved specialist Arts College status.

Henbury Court Children's Centre was in the process of being set up and the Community Council was invited to send a representative. Derek Pickup took the details.

John Brown who is one of the closest residents to the Skate Park suggested a tree screen for the park. Ted Marshall said there had been no problems reported by residents in Brookridge.

Bristol Charities have not changed their plans for closure of Ben Gough and Brentry houses despite the petition. In fact there had been no response at all to this latter.

9. 2007 Community Council meeting dates

19th July 2007 General Meeting at 19:30 in Brentry Methodist Church

18th October 2007 General Meeting at 19:30 in Brentry Methodist Church